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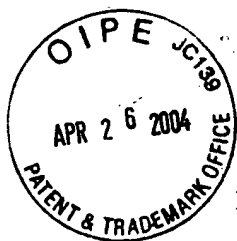
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Wael R. Joseph, et al.

Application Ser. No. 10/659,969

Filed September 11, 2003

For ABSORBENT PRODUCTS COMPRISING A MOISTURIZING AND LUBRICATING
COMPOSITION

April 22, 2004

PETITION TO MAINTAIN THE FILING DATE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts dated April 14, 2004, which states that page 19 appears to have been omitted from the application as filed, Applicants hereby submit this Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e) to maintain a filing date of September 11, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants note that the filing date of September 11, 2003 has been granted in the Notice To File Missing Parts.

As demonstrated in the following paragraphs, and in view of the enclosures, Applicants filed the 49-page patent application, including page 19, on September 11, 2003. Accordingly, the filing date of September 11, 2003 should be maintained for the above-referenced application, including page 19 of the specification.

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**A. STATEMENT OF FACTS AND REQUEST TO MAINTAIN THE FILING DATE
OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2003**

The following facts are based on a reasonable and diligent investigation of the circumstances leading to the issuance of the Notice To File Missing Parts, which claims that page 19 was omitted from the application at the time of filing.

1. On September 11, 2003, Applicants submitted a Form 391 postcard, an Application Data Sheet (3 pages), a Utility Patent Application Transmittal (3 pages), an application (49 pages), and four (4) sheets of drawings, in connection with the above-referenced application. The application included a written specification including 61 claims and an abstract. The submitted documents totaled 59 pages.

2. As can be seen on the enclosed copy of an internal express mailing log (Exhibit A), documents with attorney docket number KCC 4979.1 (Client/Matter) and consisting of 55 pages with 4 drawings (i.e., 59 pages total) was deposited with the United States Postal Service on September 11, 2003. The Express Mail mailing receipt, evidencing that this deposit was in fact made with the Postal Service, is also enclosed (Exhibit B).

3. As can be seen on the enclosed copy of the date-stamped Form 391 postcard receipt (both sides) (Exhibit C), which shows receipt by the patent office of 49 pages of the application, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Exhibit D), which shows receipt by the patent office of 49 pages of the application, the

application including 49 pages, and the drawings were submitted together.

4. On April 14, 2004, the Office mailed a filing receipt (Exhibit E) for the above-referenced application. A copy of the filing receipt is enclosed.

5. On April 14, 2004, the Office mailed the Notice To File Missing Parts including an omitted item, in which it was suggested that if Applicants believe the omitted item was deposited with the nonprovisional application papers, it should be corrected by filing the instant Petition to Maintain the Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e). A copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts is enclosed.

6. The present Petition To Maintain the Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e) of September 11, 2003 is being filed less than two months after the mailing date of the Notice To File Missing Parts including the omitted item.

7. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that specification page 19 of the above-referenced application was deposited with the nonprovisional application papers, and that the filing date of September 11, 2003 (09/11/2003) should be maintained for the application, including page 19 of the specification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a courtesy to the Office, Applicants enclose a copy of page 19 of the specification of the above-referenced application.

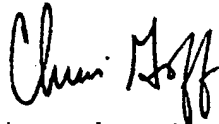
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B. Petition Fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(h)).

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Petition To Maintain The Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-1345. In the event that page 19 of the specification is determined to have been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants respectfully request that a refund of the fee be applied to the aforementioned Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Page(s) **19** of the specification (description and claims).

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of

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a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

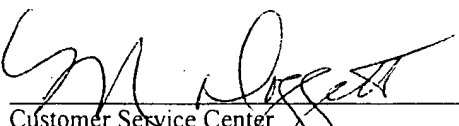
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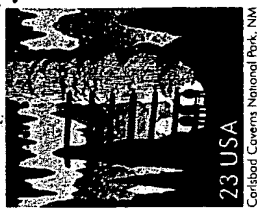
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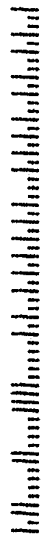
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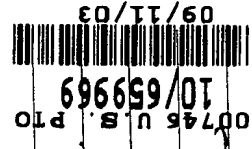
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Applicant(s)

- ✓ Wael R. Joseph, Appleton, WI;
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- ✓ Bernard J. Minerath III, Oshkosh, WI;

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✓ Absorbent products comprising a moisturizing and lubricating composition

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preferred silicone emollients include Dow Corning 200 and Dow Corning 1503.

[0052] Suitable petroleum based emollients include those hydrocarbons, or mixtures of hydrocarbons, having chain lengths of from 16 to 32 carbon atoms. Petroleum based hydrocarbons having these chain lengths include mineral oil (also known as "liquid petrolatum") and petrolatum (also known as "mineral wax," "petroleum jelly" and "mineral jelly"). Mineral oil usually refers to less viscous mixtures of hydrocarbons having from 16 to 20 carbon atoms. Petrolatum usually refers to more viscous mixtures of hydrocarbons having from 16 to 32 carbon atoms.

[0053] Suitable fatty acid ester emollients include those derived from C_{12} - C_{28} fatty acids, preferably C_{16} - C_{22} saturated fatty acids, and short chain, such as C_1 - C_8 , preferably C_1 - C_3 , monohydric alcohols. Examples include methyl palmitate, methyl stearate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl myristate, butyl myristate, butyl stearate, octyl palmitate, isopropyl isostearate, isopropyl palmitate, ethylhexyl palmitate, and mixtures thereof. Suitable fatty acid ester emollients can also be derived from monoesters and diesters of both short chain, such as C_1 - C_{10} , and longer chain fatty alcohols, such as C_{12} - C_{28} , preferably C_{12} - C_{16} , and shorter chain organic acids such as lactic acid, lauryl lactate and cetyl lactate. Additional examples include diisopropyl sebacate, dimethyl sebacate, dioctyl sebacate, dibutyl sebacate, diisopropyl adipate, and dicapryl adipate. In addition, mixtures of petroleum based emollients and fatty acid ester emollients can provide emollient systems that have a superior feel compared to the pure components individually.

[0054] Suitable alkyl ethoxylate type emollients include C_{12} - C_{22} fatty alcohol ethoxylates having an average degree of ethoxylation of from about 2 to about 30. Preferably, the fatty alcohol ethoxylate emollient is selected from the group of lauryl, cetyl, and stearyl ethoxylates, and mixtures thereof, having an average degree